

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 February 2011 14:38

To: Merry, Councillor

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Monton Car Park proposed charges

Dear Councillor Merry

On behalf of our Association, I wish to strongly object to the proposed parking charges on Monton Car Park. Whilst I sympathise with the need to raise extra revenue because of the Government cut-backs, the cost to traders in Monton would just be too great.

These charges will have serious implications for trade and the businesses in Monton, will make cost of parking for employees in Monton businesses prohibitive, will drive businesses out of the area and will exacerbate the existing parking problems in streets off Monton Road.

The proposal would affect all our members and would be detrimental to what is a vibrant village with a number of small independent shops. It is difficult enough in the current economic climate for small businesses located in secondary trading positions to survive without driving away potential trade because of parking levies. Swinton precinct suffered dreadfully when parking charges were imposed there and we do not want to see the same thing happen in Monton.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Secretary
Ellesmere Park Residents' Association

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 February 2011 14:23
To: Merry, Councillor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor,

People need to be encouraged to use our local shopping facilities, to keep the high street alive and thriving and to be able to keep a community spirit as Monton does.

Applying car park charges is not the answer. It may seem like a short term good solution to bring money in, but it will make people go to other areas as they seek places where they do not have to pay. Consumers will not visit the shops and the shop owners will leave. As a shop owner and one of many people who work in the area, where will they be expected to park? Will they be expected to pay for 5 days a week full days parking rates out of business takings which are already stretched in these tough times. Please consider the long term effect and keep Monton as it is. A great place where people do visit because they do not have to pay to park.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Monton Green,
Eccles,
Manchester

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 February 2011 20:33
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton village car park

Dear Councillor

I wish to lodge my formal objection to the Council's proposed introduction of car parking charges for a currently free and accessible vital car parking area off the busy high street in Monton. As one of a number of local residents who regularly use the car park for short period parking, I fail to understand the logic of imposing a charge which would be prohibitive, would potentially force people to park in the surrounding streets, adding to congestion, and ultimately have a detrimental effect on the many thriving local small businesses, unique to the area.

I urge you to reconsider and support local opinion that the car park should remain free and accessible for all.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 February 2011 17:01
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Car park charges in Monton

Dear Councillor Merry,

Here is yet another voice objecting to the introduction of charges at Monton car park.

The reasons against the proposed charges are well known to you and need not really be repeated in this message.

They are obvious anyway!

I use Monton car park regularly when I wish to visit any of the shops in Monton.

If charges are introduced I shall no longer do so – I'll go to Eccles and reclaim the cost of parking at the supermarket by purchasing something there.

I like Monton and wish to continue going there – but I won't if there are charges!

(Miss) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Portland House, Eccles Old Road, Salford 6

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 15:15
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: charges on Monton car park

Good afternoon. I am a resident of Monton, and feel it would be shortsighted and detrimental to the community o introduce charges to the car park. The council has an obligation to encourage a rich and vibrant community, charges would reduce shoppers and hence have a negative impact on small local shops. The feel of Monton has changes significantly since I moved her 8 years ago, please consider the long term impact of car park charging before you go ahead.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 15:05
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Charges on Monton car park.

Dear Councillor Merry

The proposed car park charges would be very damaging to the businesses in Monton as well as increasing existing parking problems.

These are tough times and one understands the need of creating additional revenue but a 50% increase across the Salford car parks seems to me obscene, let alone imposing it on Monton car park!

Some people use this car park just to pop in the bank or call in the shops and to charge £1.50 for such brief visits is extortionate.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Ellesmere Park, Eccles



Councillor Merry
Swinton Civic Centre
Chorley Road
M27 5DA

3rd March 2011

Charging on Monton Car Park

I am writing to express my objection to the invoking of charges on Monton Car Park. With Monton being so close to the Trafford Centre, we already suffer with people opting for a shopping centre that is covered and with a greater choice of shops. Charging on Monton Car Park would only give people another reason to visit the Trafford Centre as all their spaces, as I am sure you realise, are free.

A more pragmatic approach to the village and a way of encouraging people to shop in the village would be to have a free period for the first two hours. This will enable people to use the local shops without suffering the additional burden of car park charges. This is also dissuade some of the people that park in the car park all day from doing so – leaving spaces for shoppers.

The people that still choose to park all day in the car park would generate revenue for the council.

I would suggest a tiered parking charge with something along the lines of free for the first two hours, £1.50 for up to 4 hours and £3.50 (or possibly £4.50) for all day.

I do not feel that charging for everyone is the right decision and will have a detrimental impact on the village, the businesses and its future and would therefore ask that you look at an alternative similar to that detailed above.

I look forward to hearing from you with a positive outcome that can satisfy the needs of all concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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Company Number: [redacted]
VAT No: 841 4873 17

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 March 2011 13:03

To: Merry, Councillor

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Merry,

I am writing to object to the planned charges to the Monton Village Car Park Charges.

As the resident of Mirfield Drive, we have already limited parking availability for any visitors during the week days and Saturdays. Therefore a free car park is the only way to have our family and friends visiting us without any extra costs or time limitation.

Loosing the free car park will encourage parking on the side streets from midday Saturday and all day Sunday when parking restrictions are no inforce.

I think it will discourage people to come to Monton village for shopping and will have detrimental effect on the local businesses.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Mirfield Drive

From: Atkinson, Sally On Behalf Of Merry, Councillor
Sent: 06 April 2011 10:13
To: Ravenscroft, Chris
Cc: Antrobus, Councillor D; Lee, Steven; Findley, Chris
Subject: FW: Monton Car parking

Hi Chris

Please see below a further objection to the car park charges at Monton Village.

Regards

Sally

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 April 2011 20:29
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car parking

Dear Councillor Merry,

In response to the proposal for charging car parking fees in Monton Village, we wish to lodge our objections in that we are extremely concerned that when parking is no longer 'free', many shopping areas within Salford have suffered with the resultant closure of many shopping outlets. This has led to a downward spiral of trade and custom, rendering once vibrant shopping areas, eg, Eccles mall, having little to offer other than 'pound' and charity shops.

The obvious impact of closed shops not only makes the area run-down and unattractive, it must have a significant impact on business rate revenue to the city in general. Short term revenue boosting income, through car park fees, does not create economically sustainable sources for the future.

Alternative free parking malls such as the Trafford Centre will continue to leech valuable local provision at significant cost to local residents, as evident in the 'death' of Liverpool Road in Eccles.

There are no long term winners in this strategy.

We submit our views and objections to you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:19
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Parking Charges in Monton

Dear Mr Merry,

I'm writing to object to the council's proposal to charge for parking in Monton Village Car park.

It's bad enough finding it difficult to park in the side streets when wanting to drop off something quickly; or wanting to nip into the Post Office; or wanting to buy something quickly and conveniently.

It will severely deter me from shopping in Monton, especially when meeting friends..... if we will have to pay at least £1.50 before we even do some quick shopping or have some lunch, I'm afraid, I'll go elsewhere.

It will only make matters worse once the large Tesco is approved at West One, as we will quite happily shop there and then have a coffee, or shop in Morrisons and claim the parking back..... not to mention the obvious Trafford Centre.

How can the government promote "The Big Society" when it's pushing us all to the larger establishments beyond the village community?

If you bothered to conduct a survey I think that you'd find the majority of people using the car park in Monton use it for no more than 1 hour. I think your figures will be wrong if you think you'll be collecting money from car parking based on the present useage, people will just shop elsewhere.

If you also intend to charge after say 6pm..... then you will definitely kill the trade in the cafes and restaurants.

I urge you to please reconsider.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Rutland Road
Eccles
M30 9FA

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 13:42
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park Charges

Dear Sir

I understand that at a recent Council meeting the possibility of charging for Monton Car Park was discussed I would like to state that I object to this coming into effect, as I consider that charging for the car park would lead to the death of Monton as a shopping area. Most of the local shops have to compete with the Trafford Centre and one of the real advantages to Monton is the fact that you can park your car fairly easily. It has been seen in areas such as Eccles and Swinton that once charges are introduced then local shops suffer. Also it would lead to people parking in the limited spaces on the side streets off Monton Road leading to congestion on already busy roads. It would also deter people from using the recycling facility with the possibility of having to pay whilst using this.

I would ask that you seriously reconsider this proposition.

A worried Monton resident.

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:12
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: I object to the proposed charges for Monton Car Park!

These proposed charges will have serious implications for trade and the businesses in Monton it will make cost of parking for employees in Monton businesses prohibitive, will drive businesses out of Monton and will exacerbate the existing parking problems in streets off Monton Road.

When are you councillors going to wake up and smell the proverbial coffee? The short sightedness from you people never ceases to amaze me I can just see you all sat there in your ivory towers building little empires around yourself and getting more and more out of touch with the people of Salford! Just recently free swimming for kids who buy swimming lessons taken away! How stupid a decision that was, as it now means I cannot afford to take my kids swimming at the weekend because where it would have cost me £3 (for myself) it will now cost me £6 (for myself and my kids) so rather than getting £3 from me you are now getting nothing! It makes no sense, nothing you decide on is thought through!

DO NOT I repeat DO NOT start charging for parking at Monton as it will kill off the village!

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:10
To: Merry, Councillor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MONTON VILLAGE CAR PARK

Good afternoon Councillor Merry,

I have heard from the Ellesmere Park Resident's Association that the Council are once again trying to enforce parking fees in Monton Village Car Park - I wish you to note that a strongly oppose this. Surely the Council has realized what has happened to Eccles since car parking has been charged for - it has been ruined. Swinton appears to have learnt its lesson - but that is probably because it is run by a private company - nobody used the car park and then all of the businesses suffered - the car park is once again free!!

If you start to charge for car parking in Monton are you then hoping to boost the authorities income by parking fines as there is nowhere to park in Monton without a residents permit. Monton is a lovely thriving village and I personally would like it to stay that way - what is the logic for ruining it!!!!

Please do not harp on about cuts - to be frank I am sick of everything being blamed on them - I know that your Council, as do all local authorities, has funds for "emergencies" and that there has been no real need to make the cuts that you have done - but you have gone ahead anyway - so please do not treat me as an idiot and expect me to accept this for the reason for charging for Monton's car parking.

I look forward to hearing from you and more importantly I would like confirmation that no fees will be charged.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:05
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Proposal to introduce parking charges to Monton Village Car Park

I would like to strongly object to the above proposal which would be detrimental to the residents and employees of Monton Village as I believe it would incur an increase in traffic and parking on residential roads around Monton village and nearby Ellesmere Park. I for one would also be inclined to stop using Monton village for shopping if a cost was introduced for parking and would urge you not to vote for its introduction.

[REDACTED]
Ellesmere Park Resident

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:04
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monon car park charges

Dear Councillor Merry,

With regard to the proposal to introduce fees on Monton car park. I have to express my objection to this as it will cause even more havoc on the streets off Monton Road as there is already. The community and businesses rely on this car park remaining free as to encourage revenue and avoid congestion.

Yours

[REDACTED]
Algernon Street
Monton Eccles
M30 9QA

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 07:52
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Car Parking charges Monton Village

Further to the planning meeting on the 22nd February, I would like to put forward my objections to the above charges being laid for the car parking at Monton Village. Not only do we now have to put up with the disruption that Tesco is causing with regard to parking, Monton is now upstaged with unduly high parking fees for the only car park that we have. Is there going to be an attendant manning this car park 24/7 as this is what Tesco needs outside and on Gordon Road. In the day of gross lack of funding everywhere and public services being hit with the budget, having lived in Monton for over 20 years I find this an absolute outrage that we the public are funding for the lack of resources in the local councils and government – its an absolute outrage.

[REDACTED]

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Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 08:19
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Charges on Monton Car Park
Importance: High

Dear Councillor Merry,

I strongly object the proposed charges on Monton Car Park, it will affect the traders in Monton, which has already been affected by the new Tesco Building. There are very few car parks which are free of charge and Monton have always been proud that they can supply free parking to the local people. If this is to go ahead it will stop people from coming to Monton .





Kind Regards

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Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 09:05
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton car park charging

To councillor merry

I currently run village emporium florist on monton road. I must say business is really really tough at the moment, that I am actually thinking of closing, if you bring in the car park charges it will definitely close me for good (and others who i know struggling too)No-one will want to pay up to £3.50 to park their car, because I know I wouldn't I would go where it was free parking. Then you'll have a nice little village full of empty little shops.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED] flowers by village emporium.

Sent from my iPhone

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 09:34
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Parking charges in Monton

Good morning Councillor

I am reliably informed that the council intend to start charging for parking in the car park off Monton Road in Eccles.

Obviously, this has raised concerns within the trading community on Monton Road, where over-enthusiastic parking attendants have already damaged business.

In this day and age, we need all the help we can get to attract people to our village to do their shopping.

We fear that if charges are brought in on the Monton Road car park, we may well suffer the same fate as Eccles town centre and find even more businesses 'putting up the shutters'.

We are, of course, perfectly aware of the cuts councils are having to make due to several years of mismanagement in the South, but at the same time you should also be aware of the bad press Manchester as a whole is receiving due to excessive parking charges across the city. We ask, why should Monton join in? Why not attract people to our community to do their shopping in a vibrant, customer freindly environment.

We are proud of our village, Councillor Merry, and we want to see it grow and prosper. Please help us do this by keeping our free parking just that - free.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Monton Road
Eccles, Manchester
M30 9GS

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23/02/2011

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 09:54
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Re Monton Car Park

I cannot believe you and your colleagues are wanting to have car parking charges in Monton.

What will the Council think of next. It is a great place to shop and that is one way of turning people away. Have a thought for the shop keepers also

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 10:13
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park

As a resident of Monton I strongly object to the proposed charges for the village car park. People living in Monton can just about manage to park close to their homes. If charges are introduced for the car park, the streets will be clogged up with the cars of visitors. There will be trouble, as visitors and residents argue over street parking. Alternatively, the shops and businesses will suffer.

I stopped shopping in Swinton when a charge was introduced for the car park. I wasn't as I read in the local press, Swinton almost became a ghost town.

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 10:27
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Objections to car parking charges in Monton

Dear Councillor Merry,

I wish to express my concerns about charging for parking at locations such as Eccles town centre and now the Monton car park.

Please note I objections to car parking charges in Monton. I am convinced it will have serious implications for trade and the businesses in Monton as it has done in Eccles.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Waterslea
Eccles
Manchester
M30 0SR

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 10:19
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor,

I am emailing in relation to the possible charges being brought in on the currently free car park in Monton. I think its a preposterous idea. Monton businesses are struggling as it is in the current economic climate and you want to potentially reduce the amount of footfall along the high street by taking away the free parking for customers? Not to mention burden business owners and their staff with further costs of parking! Look at what happened in Swinton as soon as charges on their car park were introduced. The charges killed the place. Its glaringly obvious what sort of effect charging people to use the car park will have. I think you're blinded if you think otherwise. The free parking is a major plus for the village, one of few at times, and to take this away would just be ridiculous. I don't think I'm the only one who will think like this.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 10:30
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Car park

Dear mr merry I think charging people to park in Monton will kill the trade in Monton. I object to this and think it should remain free. Also I would like to point out the lack of free car parks in the Salford area. I have family in Monton and find it very frustrating that I have nowhere to park my car when I visit. And also to have my visit cut short due to the expense. Money money money that's all you think of. Stop ripping us off. Thank you [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPhone

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 12:06
To: Merry, Councillor; MP Hazel Blears
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Monton Car Park

Councillor Merry

I understand there is a proposal to commence charging for spaces at Monton Car Park.

I totally oppose this as I live in Crawford Street, off Monton Road. It is bad enough at the moment with shoppers parking in the residents' spaces in these side streets and it is bound to get worse if people have to pay. It is also a bad thing for employees of the shops on Monton Road, as probably some of them will end up parking on the pavements.

I would imagine this has already been decided, as the proposal has been raised on several occasions, but I do think this is a backward step.

[REDACTED]
Crawford Street
Monton Eccles
M30 9PW

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 13:38
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton car park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I'm emailing to ask you to leave the Monton car park as free. Monton is already an overcrowded place for residents to park and the free car park offer encourages non-residents to visit the village. If you insist on making people pay for this car park, they'll use the bays on Monton Road, and cause the village to be more congested. People will also use the pavements and cause them to get into a worse state. I don't think the car park revenue will be sufficient to repair the paving stones either.

The proposed charges seem very steep, given you can park in Middleton for 50p for 2 hours to use the far larger shopping centre there. Also would the revenue raised be put back into the upkeep of Monton?

As the new Tesco Express is causing congestion at the bottom of Gordon Road, and Monton road, this free car park needs more signage to direct traffic away from here. I also have an idea as to how to solve these congestion problems, brought about by the new Tesco store opening. It's only fair that Tesco pay for them to be implemented, rather than the council. I propose the following:

1. At the bottom of Gordon road, put in traffic calming so that the road narrows to only allow one car through from either way. There can be space for cars to wait if turning onto Gordon road from Monton road to allow a car through, but it would give priority to those driving up Gordon road from Monton road. There would be bollards marking the pavements to stop people parking on Gordon road at all.
2. The loading bay to have rising bollards that Tesco can automatically lower for their deliveries but they're up at all other times.
3. More signs for free car park to encourage people to use this instead.

As someone who lives on Vincent Avenue, it is getting more hazardous turning into and out at the bottom of Gordon road now, as there are a lot of people parking badly or blocking the road. It's only a matter of time before there's an accident, as a lot more traffic down there now, and the bus stop opposite doesn't help.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Kind regards,

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23/02/2011

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 13:42
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park Charges

Dear Sir

I understand that at a recent Council meeting the possibility of charging for Monton Car Park was discussed I would like to state that I object to this coming into effect, as I consider that charging for the car park would lead to the death of Monton as a shopping area. Most of the local shops have to compete with the Trafford Centre and one of the real advantages to Monton is the fact that you can park your car fairly easily. It has been seen in areas such as Eccles and Swinton that once charges are introduced then local shops suffer. Also it would lead to people parking in the limited spaces on the side streets off Monton Road leading to congestion on already busy roads. It would also deter people from using the recycling facility with the possibility of having to pay whilst using this.

I would ask that you seriously reconsider this proposition.

A worried Monton resident.

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: e-mail [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:25
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Village car parking charges

Dear Mr Merry

I find it unbelievable that the council can be so short sighted as to consider car park charges in Monton.

Whilst I am fully aware that times are hard financially, monton village is looking better than it has done for years with new small businesses opening up. There is a real sense of community and these businesses provide employment and pay council tax.

Parking in side streets is often impossible and customers generally only need short stay car parking. I suggest that at least you give a free hour but better still stop this silly idea.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Ellesmere Park

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 14:23
To: Merry, Councillor
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: charges on car park at Monton

Dear Councillor

I believe that this has already gone to planning but still wish to object to the implementation of any charges in Monton.

Just because the rest of Salford has charges doesn't justify them being placed here.

Monton has already suffered over the years through losing its butcher and greengrocer meaning a reduction in passing trade for the businesses that are left, and now when it trade seems to be picking up, a further blow. People will just drive through to Eccles where they can park at Morrisons or Aldi for free, in theory (when shopping in either shop).

It just smacks of the Council striving to claw back money without thinking about the long term implications.

Please oppose this decision.

[REDACTED]
Winton Resident and Monton Shopper

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 17:07
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park

Dear Counillor Merry,

It has come to my notice that the council intend to charge for the use of Monton Car Park :- This must be the most misguided idea to emerge from the Council in recent years. This is very cruel to the traders as the profit in these small shops is very small. I for one will not shop in Monton if I have to pay to park my car - I will go elsewhere. I am disgusted that you are treating the traders like this, as Monton is one of the last 'village' shopping areas. Eccles has been ruined why ruin Monton?

Please change your mind and save Monton!

[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2011 10:27
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park

Dear Sir

I am writing to put forward my objection to the charges being imposed at Monton High Street Car Park.

I cannot stress enough the impact that this will have on us as a small business and our employees personally.

We are just literally coming out of a recession although still feeling serious effects. As a business we have had to consider our position very seriously and to an extent this has impacted on staff. The imposing of charges to the tune of £3.50 per day will seriously hinder us in that employees may consider their position and since we are an estate agency business this means that staff are backwards and forwards with appointments throughout the day. Constant topping up of the parking meter is going to mean that charges for us will be beyond the £3.50 per day. Ultimately if we are to incur charges for our staff then we may have to consider relocating since it does not make sense in an already difficult market for our outlay to be increased. Similarly if our staff have to bear the cost no doubt they will look for employment elsewhere which again will seriously impact on our business and again have us consider our position.

We appreciate the car park is subject to repair and upkeep costs but surely if this be thought through a little more sympathetically the costs could at least be reduced to cover the cost of repair and upkeep as opposed to what seems to be an income for the Local Authority!

Surely the benefits of having Monton High Street shops tenanted and paying business rates and taxes far more outweighs the problems that these car park charges shall bring?

Monton Village Community Association have always worked hard to keep parking charges at bay in Monton for a very good reason – to try to make Monton a little more convenient and attractive to the public so as to ensure our businesses survive. These charges are completely going to destroy the high street and our businesses.

Please seriously consider this objection and no doubt many others that you will receive.

Kind regards,

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